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Status of the New Indochinese Parole
Program of 1977 (IPP-77)

The Attorney General authorized "IPP-77" on August 11, 1977. All of the key Washington staff for the program have been assigned and are at work; temporarily in New State. Regular office space has been assigned in Rosslyn and their move is imminent.

A senior officer, Tom Barnes, who will direct the overseas operation is already in Bangkok and, currently is on a familiarization/program planning trip with Sam Feldman, INS/Hong Kong and Hank Cushing of my office to the principal countries in which the program will operate. Two of three additional officers have been selected for Malaysia and an active recruiting process is underway for the remainder of Barnes' required staff.

Much of the initial screening and identification process overseas is to be performed by Volag personnel. At each major location, one Volag will represent all of the others. In Thailand, the major program center, International Rescue Committee is the Volag and over 75% of its required staff is already in place.

The program is to be funded by two Presidential Determinations (PD's) for \$3,000,000 and \$4,200,000 respectively and a supplemental appropriation of \$6,300,000. The PD's are presently being processed at the NSC. Hearings in the House on the request for the supplemental appropriation are tentatively scheduled for September 13, 1977.

The first phase of the program will focus on the most pressing problem - resettling boat cases. The first movements can be expected this month.